

UNITED STATES
MARINES



GRADUATION CEREMONY
MCRD PARRIS ISLAND, SC



WELCOME TO MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT

PARRIS ISLAND

On behalf of the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Eastern Recruiting Region, welcome to this morning's graduation ceremony. Today's graduates have earned the title "United States Marine" through hard work, perseverance, and personal sacrifice. While we recognize what they have accomplished, we must also recognize the role you played. Your support and encouragement sustained them, helping them realize their goal of becoming a Marine. Thank you, and welcome to our Marine Corps family!

You're undoubtedly aware that the Marine Corps and our country expect much of your Marine. They are now held to a higher standard; a standard rooted in our core values and embraced during their transformation from civilian to Marine. They have established a solid foundation that will allow them to face life's challenges with confidence, courage, and honor. They have been tested in recruit training and will face greater tests in the future.

This pamphlet provides a brief overview of our core values and the concept of transformation, and provides guidance useful during your new Marine's leave period and for reporting to their next assignment. Please review this information together. You will better understand what your Marine has done, and they will be better prepared for their next stage of training. If you have any questions your Marine cannot answer while home, please contact your local recruiter.

Thank you for entrusting us with your Marine. Together, we, the Marine Corps family, can keep our Marines focused on their mission and purpose. The result will be limitless potential for success in the Marine Corps and in life.

I hope you enjoy the remainder of your visit at Parris Island and will take time to tour our Recruit Depot with your Marine. Please accept my best wishes for a happy and safe return home for both you and your Marine.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

INVOCATION*

SOUND ATTENTION

ADJUTANT'S CALL

MARCH ON OF TROOPS

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SOUND OFF

REPORT — PUBLISH THE ORDER

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COMMANDING OFFICER REMARKS

PASS IN REVIEW

RETIREMENT OF GUIDONS

INTRODUCTION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

MARINES' HYMN*

FINAL DISMISSAL

*PLEASE RISE



“Some people live their whole lives and wonder if they have made a difference. Marines don’t have that problem.”

President Ronald Reagan

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT
PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA**

09 February 2018

Recruit Training Regiment

COMMANDING OFFICERColonel J. M. Barnett
SERGEANT MAJORSergeant Major C. D. Thomas

3rd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICERLieutenant Colonel J. T. Lowery
SERGEANT MAJORSergeant Major O. A. Leavy

Commander of Troops

Captain K. E. White

Parade Adjutant

Captain T. D. Snody

Company "L", 3rd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICERCaptain K. E. White
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANTGunnery Sergeant C. L. Hunt
LEAD SERIES COMMANDERCaptain K. J. Kavanagh
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTORGunnery Sergeant K. H. Nguyen
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDERCaptain Z. A. White
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTORGunnery Sergeant M. D. Workman

Drill Masters

Staff Sergeant M. B. Hart

Chaplain

Lieutenant C. A. Woodard, USN

Color Guard

Sergeant E. Medina
Sergeant D. W. Losacano

Sergeant R. D. Grate Jr.
Sergeant J. M. Rodgers

PLATOON 3008

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt S. A. Gomez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt D. R Tabor
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt M. A. Garcia
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. Cruz
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt D. S. Bartholet



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC B. D. Canarie
HOMETOWN.....	Melborn, FL
RECRUITED BY.....	GySgt Brooks

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC J. L. Spitler (327)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Hunt

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC A. F. Howell (598)
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Pvt Alexander, K. P.	Pvt Harper, Z. L.	PFC Sims, S. S.
Pvt Alvarez, E. J.	PFC Hensley, W. E.	PFC Smith, J. K.
Pvt Alvarez, G. A.	PFC Howell, A. F.	PFC Spitler, J. L.
Pvt Bennettreese, J. B.	PFC Huffman, J. C.	PFC Stark, L. M.
PFC Benson, T. S.	PFC James, J. L.*	PFC Tate, R. A.
PFC Blalock, B. T.	Pvt Javier, D. J.	PFC Torressmendoza, D. A.
PFC Bloomer, H. R.	PFC Jewell, W. S.	Pvt Torresssolis, J. C.
Pvt Boger, P. D.	PFC Jones, C. B.	PFC Toussaint, J. E.
PFC Bowman, D. T.	PFC Jones, D. A.	PFC Uppole, C. D.
Pvt Brown, C. L.	Pvt Joseph, J. W.	PFC Valencia, N. A.
PFC Brown, M. T.	PFC Kannady, B. B.	PFC Vargas, A. K.
Pvt Butler, B. K.	PFC Kendall, N. J.	PFC Velazquez, M.
PFC Butler, B. J.	PFC Klocek, M. J.	PFC Wane, M. S.
PFC Bynum, C. L.	PFC Kroll, B. M.*	Pvt Watson, M. M.
PFC Canarie, B.D. *	PFC Lacy, W. T.	Pvt Wilcox, K. P.
Pvt Carranza, A. E.	PFC Lee, R. F.	Pvt Williams, B. L.
PFC Chadwell, N. A.	Pvt Lemaster, S. Z.	Pvt Wolfe, J. B.
Pvt Chiti, J. D.	Pvt Limardo, N.	
Pvt Cook, A. T.	PFC Lindsey, Z. P.*	
Pvt Cornejo, Y. L.	Pvt Lingner, M. J.	
PFC Coronell Jr., G. D.	Pvt Lynch, L. M.	
PFC Cronin, O. P.	Pvt Malone, G. N.	
Pvt Curtis Jr., S. L.	PFC Marino, J.	
Pvt Ellard, J.	Pvt Martinez, R.	
PFC Emerson, J. A.*	Pvt McCurry, L. E.	
PFC Evans, K. T.	Pvt Oakley, G. A.	
PFC Flock, A. G.	PFF Putnam II, J. T.	
Pvt Floyd, J. L.	Pvt Queen, D. D.	
Pvt Gaudreau, D. K.	Pvt Ratledge, J. B.	
Pvt Gore II, R. W.	Pvt Rivers IV, R. L.	
Pvt Granger, J. A.	Pvt Robinson, H. A.	
Pvt Haley, M. J.	PFC Roderiguez, A.	
Pvt Haley, M. J.	Pvt Salazar, R. O.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 3009

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	GySgt M. Rodelas
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	GySgt J. J. Marshall
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt R. J. Porras
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt B. Smith
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt E. Nicholas



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC W. H. Traver
HOMETOWN.....	Freindsville, PA
RECRUITED BY.....	Sgt Cinque

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC R. R. Merchantbey (322)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Powell

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC D. B. Owens (596)
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Pvt Alford, D. J.	Pvt Hudson, L. D.	Pvt Pikes, C. D.
Pvt Alvarado, M. A.	Pvt Jenkins III, S. R.	PFC Pisano, J. P.
PFC Andreadakis, J. A.	Pvt Jordan, T. L.	PFC Poitras, J. S.
PFC Applegate, T. R.	PFC Kaiser, K. C. *	Pvt Quinn II, J. R.
Pvt Aydelotte, Z. E.	PFC Keim, M. S.	PFC Rausch, J. M.
Pvt Ayuso, J. S.	Pvt Kimsey, L. W.	Pvt Rice, S. E.
Pvt Bills, M. J.	Pvt King, W. M.	PFC Richo, A. P.
Pvt Burns, J. R.	Pvt Kirsch, D. D.	Pvt Ringlen, D. J.
Pvt Campbell, J. Q.	Pvt Kite, C. K.	PFC Roberts, J. M.
PFC Chamblin, Z. F.	PFC Lathrop, D. D.	Pvt Secoy, T. A.
Pvt Chandler Jr., J. P.	Pvt Lawrence, T. D.	Pvt Sousa, C. J.
PFC Cole, N. L.	Pvt Legate, Z. S.	Pvt Sowders, J. W.
PFC Cresswell, R. J. *	Pvt Lewis, L. W.	Pvt Stevenson, W. J.
PFC Cushman, J. H.	Pvt Matheson, J. R.	Pvt Tidwell, S. C.
Pvt Dalton, L. I.	Pvt Mcfarlane Jr., A. M.	Pvt Tierney, E. A.
PFC Davis, T. T.	PFC Mcleoud, K. A.	PFC Traver, W. H. *
Pvt Demko, N. J.	PFC Merchantbey, R. R. *	Pvt Tungett, J. T.
Pvt Dinh, K. T.	PFC Miracle, N. P.	PCF Vanbenschoten, J. M.
PFC Eckhardt, B. D.	PFC Monnette, D. M.	PFC Vandeusen, M. A. *
Pvt Eichhorn, A. W.	Pvt Mosier, J. C.	PFC Walker, D. O.
Pvt Fair, D. H.	Pvt Murphy, C. N.	Pvt Watersjones, T. E.
Pvt Figueroa, M. A.	Pvt Ortiz Jr., P. D.	Pvt Wilcox, E. D.
Pvt Galinger, M. D.	PFC Owens, D. B. *	Pvt Wilson, C. R.
PFC Garcaviinezquez, C. O.	Pvt Palmer, A. N.	PFC Winkler, D. A.
Pvt Gearin, K. R.	Pvt Parker, M. N.	Pvt Yankey, J. A.
Pvt Gerson, D. P.	Pvt Parmley, D. W.	Pvt Yarger, Q. A.
Pvt Hallowell, A. M.	Pvt Parsons, C. M.	PFC Yates, K. E.
Pvt Harmon, R. J.	Pvt Patterson, M. D.	Pvt Zavada, D. S
PFC Hills, K. B.	Pvt Penabautista, M. A.	
PFC Hinchy, J. T.	Pvt Peterson, E. G.	

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PLATOON 3010

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt S. L. Harrington
DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt C. D. Garces
DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt B. W. Keziah
DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt J. C. Ibarra



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE	LCpl D. C. Branche
HOMETOWN	Marlton, NJ
RECRUITED BY	SSgt Cienkowski

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER	PFC N. B. Hudnell (321)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR	Sgt Dean

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT	PFC J. A. Felger (589)
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PFC Abramowitz, M. J.*	Pvt Hida, E.	Pvt Quinones, J. M.
PFC Alford, J. J.	Pvt Hirose, T. J.	PFC Radzkowski, B. K.
PFC Bacote, T. R.	Pvt Hobough, C. L.	Pvt Rhodes, A. D.
PFC Bassett, K. J.	Pvt Hollis, A. J.	PFC Rodriguez, M. J.
Pvt Belmont, A. M.	Pvt Honor, M. A.	Pvt Roop, P. A.
Pvt Berard, C. U.	Pvt Houston, K. A.	Pvt Ruiz, J. A.
Pvt Boddie Jr., S.	Pvt Howes, T. L.	Pvt Santiago, D. A.
Pvt Bogle, J. M.	PFC Hudnell, N. B.	Pvt Sisemore, A. T.
LCpl Branche, D. C.*	Pvt Infantelugo, M. E.	Pvt Smith, J. A.
PFC Cisneros, J. F.	PFC Kapp, G. M.	PFC Sperringer, T. T.
PFC Daniel, T. Q.	Pvt Kelly, N. A.	Pvt Templeton, N. C.
PFC Dilbeck Jr., L. D.	PFC Kiefer, B. W.	PFC Tetterton, G. L.
Pvt Dillion, C. L.	Pvt King Jr., A. P.	Pvt Teves, M. T.
Pvt Doan, T. J.	PFC Lefever, J. A.	Pvt Thrasher, D. T.
PFC Driggers, M. R.	PFC Levis, R. J.	Pvt Tully, W. B.
Pvt Dugenske, C. J.	Pvt Lindsey, K. C.	PFC Turner, D. S.
Pvt Eggers, J. J.	Pvt Lovell, J. K.	Pvt Uhuru, E. S.
Pvt Esteves, J.	Pvt Lynshue, J. C.	Pvt Umana, R. A.
Pvt Farr, S. M.	PFC Marr, A. A.	PFC Walters, E. R.
PFC Felger, J. A.	PFC Mathews, R. A.	Pvt Washington, M. T.
Pvt Fenton, D. T.	Pvt McBride, J. M.	Pvt Watson Jr., S. W.
PFC Ferino, C. M.	PFC Mccaskill, L. M.*	Pvt Watson, T. J.
Pvt Fortner, S. A.	PFC McDaniels, N. A.*	PFC Whetsel, A. W.
PFC Gould, A. M.*	Pvt McDonald II, D. M.	PFC Wierda, M. P.
Pvt Grieder, G. D.	Pvt Meis, S. B.	Pvt Williams, S. A.
Pvt Haberland, Z. D.	Pvt Merriweather III, F. J.	
Pvt Hagen, J. S.	Pvt Michelback, H. M.	
PFC Harlow, C. D.	Pvt Papaleo, S. N.	
Pvt Hayes, B. T.	Pvt Peart, M. A.	
Pvt Hernandezesteves, A. Y.	PFC Pompa, S. N.	

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PLATOON 3012

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt Z. R. Polite
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt A. L. Lopez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt M. S. Silva
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt D. K. Kumah



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC R. T. McGuiness
HOMETOWN.....	Slidell, LA
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Carver

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	Pvt R. J. Jacoball (320)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Dick

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC A. D. Barboza (597)
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PFC Aloi, K. N.	PFC Freeland, K. D.	PFC Myers, D. J.*
Pvt Amig, J. A.	Pvt Garcia, I. E.	Pvt Paulino, K. R.
Pvt Ansari, A. A.	PFC Gavin, J. R.*	PFC Payne, C. H.
Pvt Arellanoramos, R	Pvt Gentle, C. C.	Pvt Piett, J. L.
Pvt Arnett, J. D.	Pvt Green, T. A.	Pvt Planck, B. E.
Pvt Auclair, B. S.	Pvt Hale, D. A.	PFC Price, C. L.
Pvt Banks, T. E.	PFC Harris, S. R.	Pvt Quinonesreyes, F. J.
PFC Barboza, A. D.	Pvt Henry, M. J.	PFC Rainesbutler, J. I.
Pvt Bencivengo, M. C.	Pvt Hernandez, J. J.	Pvt Reed, A. A.
PFC Boquin, G.	PFC Hostetler Jr., R. A.*	Pvt Ridnouer, M. N.
Pvt Bourda, R. M.	Pvt Hostetter, Z. H.	PFC Robinson, W. I.
Pvt Bouxsein, N. A.	PFC Huggins, J. D.	Pvt Rowell, L. M.
Pvt Brackett, J. T.	PFC Jackson, N. R.	Pvt Santos Jr., A.
Pvt Buchovskyy, G. S.	Pvt Jacobell, R. J.	PFC Shields, B. T.
Pvt Burwell, S. R.	Pvt James, G. P.	Pvt Skotak, M.
Pvt Carelacastillo, D. A.	Pvt Killeen, C. R.	Pvt Smith, A. B.
PFC Casorio, J. R.	Pvt Lathrop, T. J.	Pvt Soto, A. A.
PFC Christensen, A. D.	PFC Lindsey, W. D.	Pvt Stanford, A. M.
PFC Clark, T. L.*	Pvt Logan, H. J.	PFC Swapceinski, Z. R.
Pvt Crosley Jr., R. M.	Pvt Lopez, G. R.	PFC Toungette, A. B.
Pvt Davis, G. L.	Pvt Lotto, N. A.	Pvt Tressler, A. R.
Pvt Devictor, H. A.	Pvt Maag, A. S.	Pvt Vargas, D. C.
Pvt Dorn, A. A.	Pvt Maness, J. T.	Pvt Vickers, J. A.
Pvt Eder, G. A.	Pvt Mann, I. C.	Pvt Walsh, N. E.
Pvt Eldredge, J. C.	PFC Markland, M. P.*	PFC Whitenton, J. D.
Pvt Engelmann, M. F.	Pvt Matijevic, S.	Pvt Williams, D. L.
PFC Flores, J. M.	PFC McGuiness, R. T.	Pvt Wright, K. H.
Pvt Ford, D. J.	Pvt Menard, D. M.	Pvt Young, D. J.
Pvt Franklin III, C. V.	Pvt Miller, J. H.	
Pvt Fratomathies, D. M.	Pvt PFC Morelli, S.	

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PLATOON 3013

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt R. A. Atwood
DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt J. J. Bartley
DRILL INSTRUCTOR	Sgt M. D. Howroyd
DRILL INSTRUCTOR	Sgt B. C. Paige
DRILL INSTRUCTOR	Sgt K. T. Bass



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE	PFC J. M. Stuart
HOMETOWNMadison, AL
RECRUITED BY	SSgt Nikko

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER	PFC J. T. Hughey (320)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR	Cpl Ortiz

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT	PFC D. Leybovich (578)
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PFC Abraham, J. E.	Pvt Hernandez, N. J.	Pvt Prothero, M. R.
PFC Acostavargas, E. J.	PFC Hilario, B. N.	Pvt Pruitt, T. V.
PFC Alyahmed, E. M. *	PFC Hughey, J. T. *	Pvt Ramosvalentin, M. L.
PFC Andrade, J. A.	PFC Hutchings, M. O.	Pvt Rennix, D. C.
Pvt Ardy Jr., D. G.	Pvt Joyce, C. M.	Pvt Riley, C. J.
Pvt Armstrong, S. B.	Pvt Kane, J. J.	Pvt Rodgers, A. S.
PFC Badder, D. A.	Pvt Kelly II, P. C.	PFC Rosco, J. S.
PFC Badillolaboy, A. C.	PFC Kemmling, E. R.	PFC Rowe, C. C.
PFC Balesano, T. R.	Pvt Kirklin, M. L.	Pvt Russo, Nathan T.
Pvt Barnett, D. E.	Pvt Kuebler, J. M.	PFC Santosfigueroa, K. I.
PFC Bellelo, R. M. *	PFC Leblanc, C. K. *	Pvt Schunemann, Z. M.
PFC Campbell Jr., A. J. *	PFC Leidich, T. J.	Pvt Smith, J. C.
Pvt Caron, B. T.	PFC Leybovich, D.	PFC Stuart, J. M.
Pvt Clifford, J.	PFC Loraconcepcion, J. A.	Pvt Thomas, C. W.
PFC Colon, C. A.	Pvt Marsh, T. D.	Pvt Ungab, J. F.
PFC Cuencaserrano, C.	PFC Marshall, F. A.	Pvt Valencia, U. S.
Pvt David, B. J.	Pvt Massy, A. W.	PFC Valentin, R. O.*
PFC Decker, J. A.	Pvt Melton, M. B.	Pvt Vazquez, L.
Pvt Duncan, M. E.	Pvt Merill, J. C.	Pvt Vazques, L. J.
PFC Espinoza, E.	Pvt Merills, J. D.	Pvt Villanueva, M.
Pvt Flores, E. A.	Pvt Moxley, B. G.	Pvt Webster, C. M.
Pvt Fobare, E. D.	Pvt Myers, M. T.	Pvt White, D. A.
Pvt Fontanezrodriguez, J. O.	PFC Niven, S. P.	Pvt Wolf, T. D.
PFC Forrester, B. E.	Pvt Oneill, B. F.	PFC Yoder, C. M.
Pvt Fuster, B.	Pvt Parker Jr., R. E.	
PFC Garciamoyett, C. E.	Pvt Patterson, J. S.	
PFC George, D.	Pvt Payne, S. K.	
Pvt Goodwin, D. D.	Pvt Peront, S. L.	
Pvt Grella, R. J.	Pvt Perronwarzecha, C. J.	
Pvt Haggerty, N. J.	PFC Plaisted, D. S.	

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TRANSFORMATION



The Marine Corps makes Marines and wins battles. We consider these two activities to be inextricably linked, and believe the individual Marine decides the outcome of any conflict or military action despite constant advances in battlefield technology.

Today, Marines are committed across the globe to operations as diverse as guarding American diplomatic missions, providing disaster relief, and conducting combat operations. Thousands more remain forward deployed, ready to secure our nations' interest on short notice.

Operating successfully in such diverse and complex operating environments is challenging, but these challenges are not new. Marines have faced, and overcome, similar challenges throughout history. To ensure our future success, we looked to the Marines of the past to see what made them successful in battles like Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, the Chosin Reservoir, Hue City, and Fallujah. We found that strong character and a fighting spirit rooted in core values were essential to our past success. Developing strength of character and instilling these core values is the essence of what we call "transformation."



THE TRANSFORMATION LIFECYCLE



The transformation process begins with recruiting, where we select young men and women of demonstrated potential and commitment and prepare them for recruit training.

Transformation accelerates during boot camp, where Drill Instructors remain the key to making Marines. Drill Instructors transform recruits into basic Marines through intense, demanding training including close order



drill, physical fitness, academics, combat water survival, close combat, and marksmanship. They instruct, mentor and lead recruits, exemplifying Core Values in all they do. Their efforts culminate during the 11th week of training in the Crucible, a grueling 54-hour evaluation of physical, mental, and moral fitness emphasizing selflessness and teamwork.

Transformation is sustained and reinforced throughout each Marine's period of service while assigned to operating units, where teamwork and commitment are essential to success. Regular training and individual mentorship support the continued development of each Marine. Additionally, required formal courses of Professional Military Education emphasize further development of character and core values.



Ultimately, we seek to return transformed Americans home to strengthen our society at the completion of their service. The Corps is known for making Marines who leave active duty to become strong leaders in the community. These Marines demonstrate the lasting value of strength of character based on our core values.



U.S. MARINE CORPS CORE VALUES

Generations of American men and women have given special meaning to the term United States Marine by their performance on and off the battlefield. Feared by enemies, respected by allies, and loved by the American people, Marines are a “special breed.” This reputation was gained and is maintained by adhering to a set of enduring core values, the guiding beliefs and principles that give us strength, influence our attitudes, and regulate our behavior. Our Core Values are:

HONOR

The quality that guides Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior; to never lie, cheat, or steal; to abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; to respect human dignity; to have respect and concern for each other. The quality of maturity, dedication, trust, and dependability that commits Marines to act responsibly; to fulfill obligations; to be accountable for actions and to hold others accountable for their actions.

COURAGE

Courage is the mental, moral, and physical strength ingrained in Marines to carry them through the challenges of combat and the mastery of fear; to do what is right; to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct; to lead by example, and to make tough decisions under stress and pressure.

COMMITMENT

The spirit of determination that leads to professionalism and mastery of the art of war. It leads to the highest order of discipline for unit and self; enabling 24-hour-a-day dedication to Corps and Country; pride; concern for others; and an unrelenting determination to achieve a standard of excellence in every endeavor. Commitment is the value that establishes the Marine as the warrior and citizen others strive to emulate.

GUIDANCE FOR NEW MARINES

As one of our Corps' newest Marines, you will normally travel to your home of record for 10 days of well earned "boot leave" prior to reporting for follow-on training at the School of Infantry. While home on leave, take the time to rest and re-connect with your Marine family and friends. Stay true to our core values of honor, courage, and commitment. Maintain your physical fitness, and remain safe in day-to-day activities. Use this time to rest, reflect upon the commitment you have made to our Corps and nation, and prepare for your next phase of training. I encourage you to contact your recruiter and assist them in selecting qualified candidates for enlistment.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

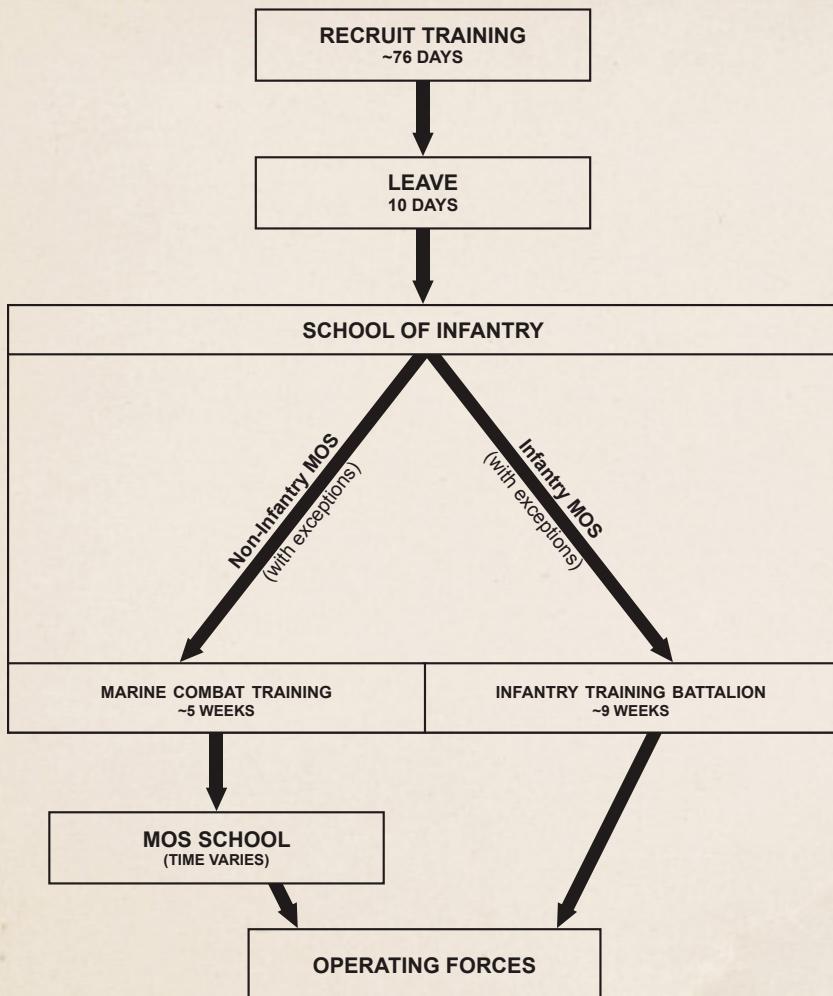
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself in accordance with the high standards to which you have been held. Demonstrate to everyone your transformation into a proud, disciplined Marine. Many of your friends and acquaintances will not understand your commitment, and you may need to make tough decisions as a result. Have courage. Remember, you now represent the Marine Corps to your family, friends, hometown, and our nation.

MY EXPECTATIONS

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ENTRY-LEVEL TRAINING OVERVIEW

The chart below outlines the basic entry level training progression for new Marines, from recruit training, through the School of Infantry, and on to the Operating Forces. Most Marines assigned non-infantry Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) will complete Marine Combat Training while at the School of Infantry, followed by their MOS school. Some assigned non-infantry MOSs will attend Infantry Training Battalion in lieu of Marine Combat Training, followed by their MOS school. Those assigned infantry MOSs will attend Infantry Training Battalion.



MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS

Marines are eligible to earn meritorious promotions to the next higher rank by referring qualified applicants for enlistment to their recruiter.

- A private needs only one referral for promotion to private first class. In addition to increased authority and responsibility, this promotion will increase the Marine's pay more than \$150 per month.
- A private first class requires only two referrals for promotion to lance corporal. This promotion will increase the Marine's pay by over \$75 per month and will provide the Marine an even greater opportunity to demonstrate his or her leadership and professionalism.

SCHOOL OF INFANTRY REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

- Report to the Commanding Officer, School of Infantry-East. The uniform for reporting to the School of Infantry-East is the Service "A" uniform.
- Pack two full sets of utilities (one green digital and one desert digital), boots and hygiene kit in your carry-on bag.
- Carry your ID card, ID tags, orders, SRB and medical/dental records in your carry-on bag.
- Bring all Marine Corps issued clothing and equipment.
- Wear appropriate civilian attire while traveling between your leave address and the School of Infantry-East.
- If you need immediate assistance while you are on leave, contact your recruiter.
- The contact information for the School of Infantry-East at Camp Geiger, North Carolina is Student Administration at (910) 449-0441/0442/0443. During non-working hours (1700-0700 Monday-Friday, weekends, and holidays), call the Officer of the Day at (910) 449-0179.
- The School of Infantry-East website contains additional information. The address is <http://www.tecom.marines.mil/soieast/unithome.aspx>



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MARINES' HYMN

From the halls of Montezuma,
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
OF UNITED STATES MARINE.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
THE UNITED STATES MARINES.

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And have never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
BY UNITED STATES MARINES.



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